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1. (C) AT SOVIET RECEPTION CELEBRATING 56TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR ARMY ON 22 FEB 74, DATT/ARMA
WAS SOUGHT OUT BY COLGEN SUSNJAR AND COL BOGDANOVIC OF
JNA GENERAL STAFF FOR PROCUREMENT. ECHOING EARLIER
INQUIRY OF YUGOSLAV ATTACHE TO US COL CREVAR, (MADE
DURING HOME LEAVE TO BELGRADE), THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST
IN WHEN US AND YUGOSLAVIA WERE GOING TO RESUME "DOING
DUSINESS" IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY SALES, BOTH BUYING
AND SELLING.

2. (C) EARLIER: CREVAR HAD VOICED HIS CONCERN THAT HIS CONTACT IN WASHINGTON WERE NO LONGER PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN MILITARY SALES, REFERRING TO CHANGES IN US POLICY DURING AND AFTER THE YOM KIPPUR WAR. BODGANOVIC ESPECIALLY PURSUED SAME LINE, NOTING THAT MODIFICIATION IN POLICY ANNOUNCED EARLIER TO SEE EXCEPTIONS IN NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY (REFTEL) BEEN PUT ASIDE. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECONFIDENTIAL

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